

REMARKS

Introductory Comments:

Claims 1, 2, 6-10 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stephan et al. (US Pub. 200510094410), hereinafter Stephan. Claims 3-5, 11, 12 and 17-20 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 17-20 are allowed. Claims 3 and 11 are cancelled. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of claims 1, 2, 6-10 and 13-16.

In Response To The Claim Objections:

Claims 3-5, 11, and 12 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is rewritten in accordance with the Examiners suggestion (i.e. incorporating the limitations of claim 3). Claim 10 is also rewritten in accordance with the Examiners suggestion (i.e. incorporating the limitations of claim 11). Claims 3 and 11 are cancelled. Claims 4-5 and 12 depend from the amended claims 1 and 10, and therefore, the Applicant believes that the objections thereto have been overcome.

In Response To The Claim Rejections:

Claims 1, 2, 6-10 and 13-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stephan et al. (US Pub. 200510094410), hereinafter Stephan. As mentioned, claims 1 and 10 are amended to include the limitations of claims 3 and 11 and are therefore believed to be allowable.

Claims 2, 6-9, and 13-16 depend from the amended claims 1 and 10 and are believed to be allowable for at least the aforementioned reason.

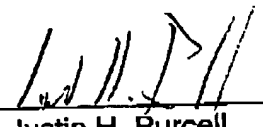
Conclusions:

In view of the aforementioned remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in a condition for allowance. A notice of allowability is therefore respectfully solicited. Please charge any fees required in the filing of this amendment to Deposit Account 06-1510 or if insufficient funds use Deposit Account No. 06-1505.

Should the Examiner have any further questions or comments please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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